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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS )  
OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )

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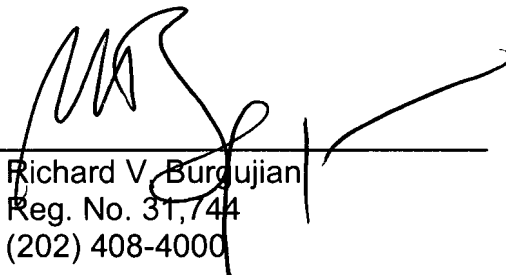
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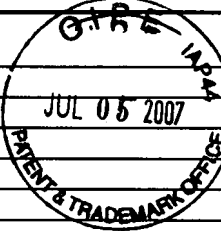
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